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In re Application of	:	
Patrick Y. Lam et al	:	
Serial No.: 09/924,381	:	WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Filed: August 8, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No.: DM-6904-A	:	

This is in response to the facsimile transmission which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed December 4, 2002, requesting withdrawal of abandonment based on a timely filed reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-Final Office action to applicants on May 6, 2002 setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on November 29, 2002. Applicants state that a timely reply was filed on July 9, 2002, and provide a copy of the response with Certificate of mailing dated July 9, 2002, and an Office date stamped return postcard dated July 16, 2002, showing that the Office received the reply. In view of the evidence presented it is concluded that applicants replied in a timely manner. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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